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16 September 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Stan:

I understand that you are weighing my invitation to kick off our Distinguished American Lecture Series (DALS) on 20 October; please do accept. I agree with your view that lectures have limited utility, and accordingly I have reduced substantially the number of such invitations. However, given the missions of our two colleges, I do consider it important to have a few top national security officials discuss their perspectives on executive leadership and decision—making, along with the kind of talent and competence they look for in those who assist them.

But DALS is not the purpose of this letter. It is rather to try to interest you in a series of meetings, which will run one evening a month for six months, on the subject of "Strategic Access." We intend to deal with the problems of being able to get in and out of oversea locations for the full range of political/diplomatic/economic/military reasons. Certainly the subject is important, and we believe that the series could uncover areas for policy consideration. If the papers meet our expectations, we intend to try to publish a book on the subject.

Geoffrey Kemp from Fletcher and Harlan Ullman from our National War College faculty will manage the sessions, to include supervision of the preparation of six papers which we will distribute in advance to provide a basis for discussion. We hope to get 10 to 15 full time participants, with another 5 or so for particular sessions. We are shooting for senior people from both the public and private sectors, and are encouraged that General Maxwell Taylor, Bob Komer, Les Aspen, and Joe Jordan already have accepted. Enclosed is a copy of our tentative outline and list of those we are inviting to participate.

Our plan is to gather at about 1830 for sherry/cocktails, convene at 1845 or 1900 for a brief presentation based on the paper, have dinner followed by discussion, and break up no later than 2100. The only requirement for participants is to comment as they feel appropriate.

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NDU-P Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN

16 September 1977

Obviously, we would value you highly as a regular attendee; but even if you do not feel you could commit yourself to all of the sessions, we would welcome you whenever you feel you could participate.

We look forward to hosting you here at Fort McNair!

Sincerely,

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R. G. GARD, JR. Lieutenant General, USA President Approved For Release 2004/02/23: CIA-RDP80M00165A002300170003-9

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND TOPICS

Thursday, 10 November 1977

Strategic Access, Logistics, and the International Environment

An overview of the issue of strategic access and logistics, with historical perspectives on its impact on national strategic outlooks and behaviors. Some current issues, future contingencies and consequences for economic, political and military aspects of access.

Tuesday, 6 December 1977

Strategic Access and Technology

The technological component of the strategic access issue-including transportation (sea, air, and land) capabilities, force structure issues (weapons system capabilities to interdict access) and alternative approaches to access to areas, resources, and markets under likely constraints.

Thursday, 29 January 1978

Strategic Access to Resources

The geopolitical implications of resource interdependence of developed and developing states. The political dynamics in the resource allocation context, and the politico-military issues bearing on the problem for access to those resources access to industrial markets and access to financial markets.

Tuesday, 24 February 1978

Strategic Access and the Projection of Military Power

Operational planning problems in the employment of military forces overseas at potential foci of infringement of US and NATO interests. The problem of resupply and reinforcement of NATO, contingency planning in the flanks and the Persian Gulf, military capabilities in the Indian and Pacific Ocean and in Africa south of the Sahara.

Tuesday, 24 March 1978

The Soviet Problems of Strategic Access

Constraints and opportunities for the Soviet Union and its requirements for access to client states, to overseas resources and to industrialized states for high technology industrial capacity.

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Tuesday, 13 April 1978

Strategic Access in the Eighties and Beyond

Implications for future policy planning. Strategic considerations drawn from technological, economic and military ramifications of the strategic access problem and forecast constraints on access in the decades ahead.

#### PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS

1. Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN DCI 2. Vice Admiral Patrick Hannifan, USN **OJCS** or LTG William Y. Smith, USAF 3. Dr. Samuel Huntington White House 4. John White OSD (MRA&L) · 5. Lynn Davis OSD (ISA) 6. Leslie Gelb State or Anthony Lake 7. Hon Less Aspin House 8. Hon Sam Nunn Senate or John Culver 9. Clifford Garvin or Chairman of the Board, EXXON Charles Cooper or Energy Policy Director, EXXON Melvin Conant 10. Paul Wolfowitz OSD 11. Robert Komer OSD 12. Edward Luttwak SAIS

15. Richard Burt or New York Times
William Beecher Boston Globe

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13. Amos A. Jordan

14. Gen Maxwell Taylor, USA (Ret)

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16. Thomas Schelling

17. Mason Willrich

18. LTG Gard, USA

19. Geoffrey Kemp

20. Harlan Ullman

21. Prof Michael MccGwire

22. Robert Ellsworth

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